

JUDGE RAKOFF

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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WEST ASIA MARITIME OVERSEAS PVT LTD.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

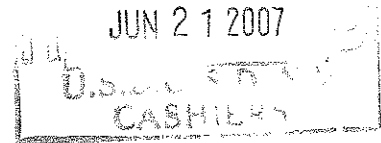
NORTH CHINA SHIPPING CO LTD.,

Defendant.  
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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, WEST ASIA MARITIME OVERSEAS PVT LTD (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, as and for its Verified Complaint against the Defendant, NORTH CHINA SHIPPING CO LTD, (hereafter referred to as "Defendant"), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
2. At all times material to this action, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business in Singapore and was at all material times the disponent Owner of the motor vessel "SPAR CORONA"
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business in Hong Kong and was at all material times the time charterer of the vessel.

4. By a charter party contract dated November 18, 2006, Defendant agreed to charter the vessel from Plaintiff for one time trip via safe port(s), safe berth(s), safe anchorage(s) with harmless iron ore via India to intention China.

5. Pursuant to the contract, the vessel was delivered into the Charterers service at Haldia on November 28, 2006 at 19.15 hours and redelivered at Xingang on January 5, 2007 at 10.48 hours.

6. Plaintiff submitted its final hire statement to Defendant that showed a balance due of \$67,900.00 and despite repeated demands to Defendant to make payment, Defendant has failed to pay without any justification.

7. A dispute arose between the parties regarding Defendant's failure to pay outstanding hire due to Plaintiff under the charter party.

8. As a result of Defendant's breach of the contract, Plaintiff has sustained damages in the total principal amount of \$67,900.00, exclusive of interest, attorney's fees, and costs.

9. Despite due demand, Defendant has failed to pay the amounts due and owing under the contract of charter.

10. Therefore, Plaintiff has initiated proceedings against the Defendant in London Arbitration pursuant to the charter party, which also provides for English Law to apply.

11. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party under English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts under the final judgment and award of costs:

A.	Principal claim:	\$67,900.00
B.	Estimated interest on claim: 3 years at 7% compounded quarterly	\$15,714.73
C.	Estimated attorneys' fees and arbitration costs:	\$61,385.27

**Total** **\$145,000.00**

12. The Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of garnishees within the District which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

13. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this Court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching, *inter alia*, any assets of the Defendant held by any garnishees within the District for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendant and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Complaint failing which default judgment be entered against it;

B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds up to the amount of **\$145,000.00** belonging to, due or being transferred to, from, or for the benefit of the Defendant, including but not limited to such

property as may be held, received or transferred in Defendant's name or as may be held, received or transferred for its benefit at, moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking/financial institutions and/or other institutions or such other garnishees to be named, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Complaint;

C. That pursuant to 9 U.S.C. §§ 201 et. seq. this Court recognize and confirm any judgment rendered on the claims had herein as a Judgment of this Court;

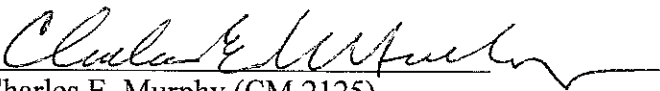
D. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of any judgment or award associated with any of the claims currently pending, or which may be initiated in the future, including any appeals thereof;

E. That this Court award Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action; and

F. That the Plaintiff has such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, NY  
June 21, 2007

The Plaintiff,  
WEST ASIA MARITIME OVERSEAS PVT LTD.

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**ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION**

State of New York     )  
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County of New York    )     ss.:     City of New York

1.     My name is Charles E. Murphy.

2.     I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this  
Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.

3.     I am an attorney in the firm of Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC attorneys for the  
Plaintiff.

4.     I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents  
thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information  
and belief.

5.     The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not  
by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now  
within this District.

6.     The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the  
statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents  
and/or representatives of the Plaintiff.

7.     I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated:         New York, NY  
               June 21, 2007

  
Charles E. Murphy